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Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

THERMOPLASTIC, POLYMERIC MATERIALS PROVIDING HIGH IR ABSORPTION, METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND USE THEREOF

the specification of which (check one)

☐ Is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on _____ U. S. Serial No: 10/580,124

And was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Not Claimed
103 56 334.2 (Number)	Germany (Country)	November 28, 2003 (Filing Date)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, CFR, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PCT/EP2004/013441 (Application Serial No.)	November 26, 2004 (Filing Date)	Pending (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER NY-DNAG-322-US
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/580,124
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/013441	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 26, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED November 28, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION THERMOPLASTIC, POLYMERIC MATERIALS PROVIDING HIGH IR ABSORPTION, METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND USE THEREOF		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hirthe, et al.		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
 - ☐ is attached hereto.
 - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the Inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

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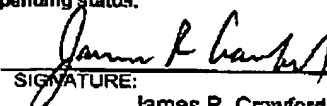
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☐ A preliminary amendment.
- ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
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- ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
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